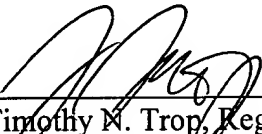


Under the same reasoning, claim 17 should likewise be in condition for allowance.

In view of these remarks, the application is now allowable and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1 (Twice Amended). A flat panel display comprising:

a tiled array of display elements wherein each display element has a front surface that emits light and a back surface that does not substantially emit light;

a plurality of seams between adjacent display elements, said seams having [a] lengths; [and]

a plurality of straps attached to said back surface[s] along the seam length between the display elements; and

an optical integrator attached to the front surface of the display elements, said plurality of straps redistributing stress from the optical integrator to the straps.

Please cancel claims 2, 7, and 8.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3 (Amended). The display of claim [2] 1 wherein the plurality of straps are attached to the back surfaces so that the straps are perpendicular to each other.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9 (Amended). The display of claim [8] 1 wherein the plurality of straps redistribute bending stress as tension in the straps.

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10 (Amended). The display of claim [8] 1 wherein the plurality of straps redistribute stress as compression in the straps.

Please cancel claims 11-16.